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in search of health. The few years following were mainly devoted to regaining his strength, but that his scientific work was not entirely abandoned is sufficiently made evident by the discovery of four new comets during this time. In 1872 he had so far recovered as to be able to accept the appointment of Professor of Astronomy at the newly founded University of Strassburg. Nine years of fruitful work as Director, observer, and instructor followed; but in 1881 failing health compelled him once more to lay aside his work and seek rest. The hope that he might soon resume his duties was never realized.

In discovery, observation, and theoretical astronomy, WINNECKE'S work constitutes a most valuable contribution to the science he loved.

SUCCESS OF THE PIERSON CHABOT OBSERVATORY ECLIPSE EXPEDITION.

On the afternoon of January 24th, the following telegram was received from the Hon. WM. M. PIERSON, of San Francisco:—

“BURCKHALTER cables unqualified success, and weather conditions perfect.”

As is well known, this expedition, in charge of CHARLES BURCKHALTER, of the CHABOT Observatory, was sent out at the expense of another member of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific—the Hon. WM. M. PIERSON, of San Francisco, who has taken such lively interest in the affairs of the Society, and aided previous eclipse expeditions in various ways.

According to the above telegram, BURCKHALTER has obtained satisfactory photographs of the corona with his device (described in No. 42 of our *Publications*) for securing detail of both the inner and outer corona on the same negative. J. M. S.

LICK OBSERVATORY, January 25, 1898.